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Public Notice for 401 Certification

Sonoma Catering Project, Santa Rosa (WDID No. 1B02052WNSO) Sonoma County

On April 19, 2002, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Marco Waaland, Ecologist, on behalf of Mr. Trinh Duc Nguyen, requesting Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Sonoma County Catering Project, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. The proposed project causes disturbances to seasonal wetland habitat associated with the Laguna Hydrologic Unit No. 114.21.

The proposed project is located at 2989 Wiljan Court, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, (APN 043-220-007). The site is approximately 1.27 acres and has been biologically degraded due to various historical disturbances due to agricultural land uses and the development of the surrounding lands. The proposed project site has four separate wetland features that total 0.2 acre. The purpose of the project is to develop the site into light industrial and commercial for warehouse and office space and associated infrastructure of a mobile catering business.

The proposed project consists of the development of 1.27 acres, which will include construction of a 10,006 square foot building complex and associated parking areas. The proposed project will result in the filling of 0.2 acre of wetland habitat on the site.

Compensatory mitigation for this project will be attained through the purchase of 0.2 acre creation wetland habitat credit at the Sonoma Airport Consolidated Mitigation Project, Phase II, and 0.2 acre preservation wetland habitat credit at the Wright Preservation Bank.

Non-compensatory mitigation measures include the use of erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction. In addition, post-construction storm water treatment controls will be incorporated into the development project in order to decrease potential detrimental impacts associated with storm water runoff from the developed site. Specific post-construction storm water BMPs such as vegetated swales, detention basins, infiltration basins, pervious pavement, contained treatment units and/or open-bottom drop inlets will be required to be incorporated into the final project design to achieve containment and treatment of the runoff from the 85th percentile of the 24-hour storm event.

The City of Santa Rosa, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, is currently conducting the environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The proposed project is scheduled to begin during the summer of 2003. Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act Authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Andrew Jensen at (707) 576-2683, or at jensa@rbl.swrcb.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.